



**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants: J. Bednorz et al.

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For: NEW SUPERCONDUCTIVE COMPOUNDS HAVING HIGH  
TRANSITION TEMPERATURE, AND METHODS FOR THEIR  
USE AND PREPARATION

The Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

**AMENDMENT**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated May 27, 1997 please consider the following:

**IN THE CLAIMS**

1. (Twice Amended) A superconductive apparatus comprising a composition having a transition temperature greater than <sup>26°K</sup> 26°K, the composition including a rare earth or rare earth-like element, a transition metal element capable of exhibiting multivalent states and oxygen, including at least one phase that exhibits superconductivity at temperature in excess of <sup>26°K</sup> 26°K [; us on;] means for maintaining said composition at said temperature to exhibit said superconductivity and means for passing an electrical [supercurrent] superconducting current through said composition while exhibiting said superconductivity.